Rehabilitation of fishermen of Orissa

2867. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of fishermen in Orissa were affected by cyclone in the State in October, 1999 and they have not been rehabilitated till date;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in their rehabilitation;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to rehabilitate them at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) The Government of Orissa has informed that fishermen of 12 districts were affected by the super cyclone, resulting in loss/damage to boats and nets. The rehabilitation measures are going on and the State Government is reportedly paying assistance of Rs. 3000/- per boat and Rs. 1500/- per net to the affected fishermen and funds have been placed at the disposal of the District Collectors to rehabilitate the fishermen.

Rehabilitation of cyclone and earthquake victims

2868. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the cyclone victims of Orissa and earthquake victims of Uttaranchal have not been provided with proper rehabilitation so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to provide these natural calamities victims suitable rehabilitation at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The